

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 21 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner sets forth two rejections of the claims as obvious over the prior art. These rejections are essentially identical to the two rejections in the previous Office Action of July 30, 2007.

Thus, claims 16 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Farid et al '529 in view of Harada et al '032 and Swainson et al '861.

In addition, claims 16 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Farid et al '529, in view of Harada et al '032 and Swainson et al '861 and further in view of the Penzkofer et al article.

At pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner sets forth, in bold type, additional comments. The Examiner suggests that applicants amend claim 16 by replacing the phrase "and present" with the phrase -- where the two photon cross-section is at least 1000 GM, which is --.

The Examiner states that such an amendment would make the claims coextensive with the arguments that applicants' have submitted.

It is applicants' understanding that the Examiner is indicating that, if applicants amend the claims in accordance with the Examiner's proposal, the Examiner will allow them.

Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 16 as proposed by the Examiner.

In view of the above, applicants submit that the cited documents do not disclose or render obvious the subject matter of the present claims and, accordingly, request withdrawal of these rejections.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

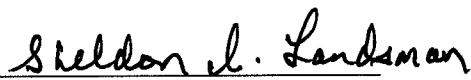
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